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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION IRAN - TOKYO

LEAD STORIES: Most Wednesday morning papers front-paged the announcement by Iran's Expediency Council Chairman Rafsanjani Tuesday that his nation commenced uranium enrichment at a nuclear facility in central Iran by using a "centrifuge cascade."

¶1. There were no immediate editorials or commentaries concerning Iran's announcement.

¶2. "IAEA Likely to Convene Emergency Meeting" Vienna correspondent Sakuraniwa of the business-oriented Nihon Keizai commented (4/12): "Following Iran's announcement of its successful production of low-level enriched uranium, it is unavoidable that Tehran's relations with the international community will become strained. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General ElBaradei plans to visit Iran as early as Tuesday to urge Tehran to suspend activities relating to uranium enrichment. ElBaradei is also expected to again call on Tehran to expand cooperation regarding IAEA inspections of its nuclear facilities. There is already a strong likelihood that the US and other Western countries will ask the IAEA to convene an emergency board meeting to deal with the situation. Following Iran's announcement, the USG expressed concern that the situation was taking a turn for the worse. ElBaradei's visit, his first in two years, had already been planned, as he has been attempting to mediate between Iran and the international community."

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